

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 20:

Between the electrode arrangement 30 and its surroundings, kept at ground potential, not only does an electric field build up but discharges occur between the needle points or needle electrodes 32 and the surroundings, which are indicated in fig. 1 by the dashed lines E. Because of these discharges E, the application medium 16 of the curtain 18 is charged up electrically, so that, in the electric field between the electrode arrangement 30 and the supporting roll 22, it is accelerated toward the supporting roll 22, which assists the pre-stretching. Alternatively, a magnetic field device 60 may work with electrode arrangement 30 or as a stand alone device to impart a magnetic field to the application medium in curtain 18 as it travels toward substrate U.